

**Community Development  
Regular Meeting  
January 17, 2003-8:30 a.m.  
Tribal Office Boardroom**

**1. Call to Order & Roll Call-**

Committee Chairman Gene Caldwell called the meeting order at 8:35 a.m. Those present: Pat Corn, Dave Grignon, Dave Corn, Susan Waukau, Jim Horton and Bernard Vigue. Wendell Askenette was absent. John Wilhelmi, Rick Warrington, Joan Webster and Greg Wilber were also present for the meeting.

**2. Menominee Prayer** - Prayer was said by Dave Grignon.

**3. Review of Minutes of December 13, 2002-**

Recorder of the meeting, Gigi Delabrué apologized for not having the minutes finished and in the packets and assured the committee both sets of minutes will be in the packets for the next meeting for approval.

**Motion made by Jim Horton to table approving the minutes until next meeting. Motion was seconded by Bernard Vigue. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.**

**4. Pow-Wow Discussion/Stephanie Awonohopay-**

Chairman Caldwell informed the committee that Stephanie was not present because she had an appointment and said she might come to the meeting when she is finished.

**Motion made by Jim Horton to table until Stephanie Awonohopay arrives and if not to table until next meeting. Motion was seconded by Bernard Vigue. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.**

**5. Solid Waste Issue-**

Committee reviewed the solid waste ordinance 92-11 and agreed on the changes and Bernard Vigue will have the changes placed in the ordinance and it will be approved by the committee at the next meeting.

**Motion made by Susan Waukau to suspend the agenda and move to number nine of the agenda "zoning issues." Motion was seconded by Bernard Vigue. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.**

**9. Zoning Issue-**

Joan Webster was present to request that the committee make a recommendation changing her lots from residential to commercial. Committee went into lengthy discussion.

**Motion made by Bernard Vigue to recommend the changing of Lots 5, 6, and 7 Block 23 in Neopit from Residential to Commercial Lots. Motion was seconded by Dave Grignon. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Bernard Vigue to go back to number six of the agenda. Motion was seconded by Jim Horton. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.**

**6. Building (Dwelling) Codes-**

Committee went into lengthy discussion regarding building codes and how important it is that the tribe develop or adopt some codes. Currently there is nothing to protect the tribe or people on the reservation from contractors and poor work.

John Wilhelmi suggested that the tribe just adopt the state codes. Chairman Caldwell asked why the tribe can't develop their own. John Wilhelmi stated that there is really no reason to re-write the codes.

Committee went into lengthy discussion regarding the problems of having to either go to the Tribe or County when building and the permit process.

**Motion made by Jim Horton to send the Zoning Permit issue to the MTL/Menominee County Task Force and develop an agreement between the tribe and county concerning jurisdiction. Motion was seconded by Bernard Vigue. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.**

Committee decided to discuss the issue of building codes further, at the next meeting.

**Motion made by Bernard Vigue to table the building codes until next meeting. Motion was seconded by Dave Grignon. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.**

**7. Tribal Utility Hook-Up Fees-**

Tribal Utility Director Dave Corn was present to request the committee to make a recommendation to the Menominee Tribal Legislature the adoption of hook up fees. Dave stated that currently he does not charge anything but if you would go anywhere outside of the reservation they charge for hooking up utilities.

Dave came up with some charges and committee reviewed them (see attached).

**Motion made by Jim Horton to accept the sewer hook up cost as a start and to revisit periodically for adjustment. Motion was seconded by Bernard Vigue. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.**

**8. Ordinance 02-09 Seasonal Permits (Concession Stands)-**

Committee went into lengthy discussion regarding the ordinance and made their final changes. Greg Wilber was present as he is one of the people who runs a concession stand and informed the committee that he was concerned with the committee changing the lease time. Greg stated that in order to run a concession stand the person must purchase, coolers, tables, grills etc., and the person needs to have the lease for an adequate amount of time to cover the amount of money they already spent. Committee took Greg's request under advisement and changed the lease length accordingly.

**Motion made by Bernard Vigue to make the deletions and insertions to Ordinance 02-09 and recommend to the Menominee Tribal Legislature for 1st Consideration. Motion was seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.**

Committee went into lengthy discussion regarding the foot bridge by Smokey Falls. The people who currently lease that area told people that they put that bridge there and that if they get out bid, they will take it with them.

**Motion made by Susan Waukau to direct Community Development through the Roads Working Group put it on TIP for the construction of a walking bridge at Smokey Falls. Motion was seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.**

**10. Home Building Checklist-**

Committee decided that there will be an internal AND external checklist. The internal, Susan Waukau will work with the different departments and Gene will look into the external which will be a checklist for community people on what to do and who to see when they want to build a house or place a trailer somewhere. Committee will discuss the issue at next

meeting.

**Motion made by Jim Horton to table the internal/external home building checklist until next meeting. Motion was seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.**

**11. Business Project Updates-**

Bernard Vigue gave the committee a brief update on the projects Community Development is working on. No action taken.

**12. Credit Union/Tom Litzow-**

Tom Litzow was unable to attend the meeting due to an appointment in Milwaukee. No discussion, no action taken on the issue.

**13. Other Business-**

Kim Komanekin and Brian Kowalkowski were present from Land Use to discuss their concerns with recreational lots. They are concerned that people don't pay for their lots on time and then go to the committee and the committee approves them paying late and there is no consequence to it. Kim stated that the deadline is October 31 and if they don't pay by then they send an appeal to.

Committee went into lengthy discussion regarding the issue and agreed that if they didn't pay by the deadline date they would have to pay double and if they didn't pay by the second date the person would lose their lot and cannot appeal to the committee.

**Motion made by Dave Corn to recommend that the deadline date be set for October 31 of every year to pay for recreational lots if the lots are not paid by October 31 there is an extension until November 30 and if paid between October 31 and November 30 they must pay double. If the amount is not paid by November 30 there are no appeals. Motion was seconded by Susan Waukau. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.**

Committee questioned land use on why the recreational lot payments never increase. Committee would like Land Use to come to next months meeting with some justifiable lot increase amounts.

Bernard Vigue brought two appeals to the committee for review. Committee thought about denying the appeals but since they already approved the appeals at the last meeting, decided to approve the requests.

**Motion made by Pat Corn to accept the appeal for Sheryle Kurdas for recreational lot and to extend for five days after notification pending Legislature approval. Motion was seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Susan Waukau to accept the appeal for Dennison Dickenson for recreational lot and to extend for five days after notification pending Legislature approval. Motion was seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent, 1-abstention (Pat Corn). Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Bernard Vigue that after this date of January 17, 2003 the Community Development Committee will no longer review/accept appeals for lake lot pay extensions. Motion was seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.**

Committee went into discussion regarding the Tribe paying for some employee's to go to school and get degrees or certified in what ever they do and then once they get their schooling is done they quit and go somewhere else for higher pay. Committee feels there

should be some sort of contract developed that an employee must agree to work for the tribe so many years before they can leave or reimburse the tribe for the expenses they already paid.

**Motion made by Bernard Vigue to send the cost reimbursement for training to the Management Team for review. Motion was seconded by Susan Waukau. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.**

**14. Adjournment-**

**Motion made by Bernard Vigue to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Legislative Staff Services